

Kirby Page

Mr. Page, Vice Chairman of the F. O. R. and his wife expect to begin, early in September, a nation-wide series of regional two-day Spiritual Retreats. During sixteen weeks they expect to travel in their car from coast to coast. Emphasis will be placed upon such themes as *Practicing the Presence of God, The Love of God and the Judgment of God, How Seriously Must We Now Take Jesus?*, etc.

In many places, out-of-town delegates will be provided with free room and breakfast. The registration fee for the entire Retreat is only fifty cents. The Retreat begins at 2:00 P.M. on the first day and ends at 5:00 P.M. on the second day. The dates and places are as follows:

September 3-4, Modesto; 5-6, Bakersfield; 7-8, Berkeley; 9-10, Palo Alto; 14-15, Portland; 16-17, Seattle; 19-20, Spokane; 21-22, Missoula; 25-26, Glendive; 28-29, Fargo; September 30-October 1, Duluth.

October 3-4, Des Moines; 5-6, West Branch; 10-11, Buffiton; 12-13, Cleveland; 14-15, Detroit; 17-18, Syracuse; 21-22, Springfield, Mass.; 24-25, Mil-den-Boston.

October 28-November 8, American Friends Service Committee Institutes of International Relations in Middle Atlantic area.

November 9-10, Pittsburgh; 11-12, Columbus; 16-17, Cincinnati; 18-19, Berea; 21-22, Louisville; 23-24, Nashville; 25-26, Atlanta; November 30-December 1, Memphis.

December 2-3, St. Louis; 4-5, Chicago; 7-8, Merom; 12-13, Kansas City; 14-15, Topeka; 16-17, Enid.

Ministers in these cities will be able to provide details, including places of meeting. If necessary, information may be obtained from the office of Kirby Page, Box 247, La Habra, California.

Spiritual retreat by Dr. Kirby Page, California evangelist and peace advocate, will open at the First United Presbyterian church at 2 p. m. tomorrow. Supper will be served at the church at 6:15. Sessions Saturday are from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. The closing session will be a communion service, with message by Dr. Paul Calhoun.

How Does God Deal With Evildoers?

By KIRBY PAGE

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Fellowship

whole political process. No wonder the very word politician is almost synonymous with trickster, humbug, or hypocrite.

To attend a partisan political meeting in the midst of a hard-fought election is to despair of humanity. The audience is easily converted by rant and vehemence into a frantic mob. It wildly cheers vituperation, abuse, and mud-slinging. It is not interested in argument; it wants poison gas directed at the "enemy."

The party system cannot long survive such discreditable and indecent tactics. Hosts of persons will turn in disgust to the totalitarian alternative. We must give earnest thought to the problem of cleaning up and purging our campaigns, of bettering our partisan strategy and tactics. Drifting will not mend matters. Pollyanna optimism will not solve the problem.

Slow and genuine education alone can solve it. But the education must start early—in the grade school, in all our churches, in our forums, clubs, civic organizations, and in the respectable press. Colleges and universities should offer courses in propaganda analysis, and should teach students the difference between educational speeches and demagoguery, between a fair discussion of real issues and mere invective and billingsgate.

Courses in legitimate, intellectually honest debating are possible and needful. Our students are not taught intellectual integrity; but they could be, by striking examples taken from our history and from current politics. They can be shown how not to do it, and how to do it, if democracy is to work and the people are to be intelligent and sincere in exercising their political rights and privileges.

Such education and training will, at the very start, utterly reject the fallacious and preposterous idea that "the duty of the opposition is to oppose." Many evil practices can be traced to that false slogan. The duty of the opposition is to watch, offer honest criticism where it is warranted, and suggest alternative and sounder measures. It is equally the duty of the opposition to support proper and necessary measures, where inaction is dangerous and unwise. No enlightened friend of democracy objects to candid and vigorous criticism when it is justified and deserved. No one demands silence on the part of the opposition when it has something helpful to say. The objection is to falsification, distortion, and plain lying for the sake of party success.

The two-party system can be revivified and purified, rendered worthy and useful to democracies. Under the party system coöperation in dealing with great problems is not impossible, given the right leadership. Problems are solved by science, common sense, and good will. The party system need not banish these factors. Where they are banished, the party system is abused, not utilized as an effective means to an end—the end being good government, progressive government, unselfish government.

Let us not, said Lord Morley, ask more of human nature than it is capable of yielding. Bigots and fanatics we shall have with us always, even in theology and letters. But we must fight partisan bigotry in democratic politics, fight it and reduce it to a minimum. This, surely, is not asking too much of average human nature in a land as blessed as the United States.

The Study Table

The Great Hatred

THE GREAT HATRED. By Maurice Samuel. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. 209 pp. \$2.00.
WHERE HOPE LIES. By Leo W. Schwartz. New York: Farrar & Rinehart, Inc. 143 pp. \$1.50.

Here are two more books upon the problem of anti-Semitism to add to the increasing flow of such, as a consequence of the rerudescence of the discussion of the eternal Jewish problem under the influence of the happenings in the totalitarian countries and their effect upon the democracies.

They are, however, two books of totally different character.

The Great Hatred by Maurice Samuel makes an approach that is almost entirely novel. For the first time there is enunciated, with invincible courage and with irrefutable logic, the theory that anti-Semitism is *not* a Jewish problem, but that it constitutes an attack upon the whole Judaic-Christian concept of civilization.

The other volume, *Where Hope Lies*, by Leo W. Schwartz is an intelligent discussion of the same issues from the vantage point of democracy only, and the author pins his faith upon a realization of the danger in the virus penetrating into the vitals of the American people and finds "hope" if that danger be averted.

If Mr. Samuel's thesis be accepted all the panaceas offered by Mr. Schwartz comprehend only "fiddling while Rome burns." Mr. Samuel envisages anti-Semitism as a disease of Christendom, and of far greater danger to Christendom than to Jews, no matter how many individual Jews in countless centers are in anguish today.

He rejects the ideology repeated *ad nauseam* by most speakers and preachers and writers that anti-Semitism is merely another manifestation of "difference," such as the dislike for foreigners evidenced everywhere by natives, or the superiority complex of those in the United States who came over in the *Mayflower* or soon thereafter, for those who came to these shores a little later. This is the accepted and almost always complacent attitude of the general run of so-called "liberal" individuals. Mr. Samuel sharply challenges this illusion and sees in anti-Semitism a very definite challenge to Christianity.

He sees in it a clear resultant of revolt against the ideology of Jesus and of the whole ethical concept of Christianity by a paganized world peopled with folks who have never honestly accepted them.

He sees in the picture not merely the ravings of *Mein Kampf* but the potentialities of a complete rejection of the Christian ideal in the not very distant future.

If this diagnosis be accepted we have before us not merely a life-and-death struggle between totalitarianism and democracy, but a complete negation of the Judaic-Christian approach to life.

Mr. Samuel unflinchingly places the blame, not so much upon the professional anti-Semite as upon church-

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men of high fidelity and upon anemic thinkers who refuse to think the problem through to a logical conclusion.

In limpid prose oftentimes rising to grandeur, Mr. Samuel projects his thesis with argument upon argument, the accuracy of which cannot be easily refuted.

His book is very frankly addressed to the Christian world and not to Jews; for he regards the problem as not a Jewish problem, as for ages it has been described, but a Christian problem threatening the whole structure of Christendom in spite of its power, pomp, circumstance, and vested interests.

In twenty-one brief but forceful chapters is unfolded the whole tragic story of the unwillingness of the Christian world to be honest.

May Mr. Samuel speak for himself for a moment:

Your reluctance to see clearly on this focal issue springs more from a moral than an intellectual obtuseness. The inertia of the mind is weighted with the fear of self-understanding, fear of the confession which must accompany self-understanding and the purgation which must accompany confession.

Again:

Do not exclaim, either, "Here is another Jew, unbalanced by the disasters which have overtaken his people, forgetting that these have now been caught up and obliterated in a universal tide." I repeat: It is not of my people that I am thinking primarily.

Not only does Mr. Samuel make this clear, but he does not spare his fellow Jews in the process of his diagnosis of the disease.

The sin of the Jews has been the same as the sin of the Christians, namely, the fear of placing the issue on the level to which it belongs. . . . Fantastic as it may sound, there are even Jews who say, "If we stop talking about anti-Semitism it will disappear—it is our protests that keep it alive." To meet immorality with moral abdication is the last stage of internal decay.

It is utterly impossible within the compass of a review such as this to reproduce all the evidence that Mr. Samuel has so assiduously marshalled in support of his thesis.

There is, for instance, a magnificent exposition of the problem of "peace" in the sense of its negation of "force" for which the Judaic-Christian ideology has always stood and which infuriates the proponents of the "might is right" theory.

To this fury, which is now an obsession, much of the fanatical cruelty may be ascribed but the logical sequence of the acceptance of this theory is again that the great hatred is not of Jews but of the Judaic-Christian philosophy.

Mr. Schwartz, in *Where Hope Lies*, has approached his task from what can best be described as a domestic point of view.

He feels that the danger lies in the "it can't happen here" attitude, endeavors to point out to Americans that anti-Semitism and democracy are incompatible, and pleads for prompt and vigorous action to cope with its spreading. Americans are asked to protest vehemently against this violation of the idealism of democracy and to resist the insidious spread of an alien philosophy.

Mr. Schwartz approaches Mr. Samuel's conception when he remarks:

It is clear that anti-Semitism is the first phase of the persecution of Christians.

It must be self-evident, however, that if one accepts Mr. Samuel's thesis that anti-Semitism threatens Christianity as much as, nay more than, Jews or Judaism, as in actuality it threatens both, then the plea that hope may be found in a greater tolerance in the democracies (what is left of them) in general, or in the United States in particular, is wholly invalid or at best the treatment of a cold sore where drastic medicine or surgery is suggested for a festering cancer eating at the heart of the whole body politic of the religious world.

It is no disparagement of Mr. Schwartz's book, *per se*, but it is my opinion that Mr. Samuel's thesis has been proved. His deductions are correct and his suggestions dynamic. They call for no delay in their acceptance, and impose the "only hope" for the survival of Judaism and Christianity both.

Mr. Samuel concludes his book with a plea to America, but only on the basis of acceptance of his main contentions.

To quote his concluding paragraph:

You will hear again soon, with a new volume, with new undertones and sibilations, the words "Jewish war!" "Anti-Christian conspirators!" "Jewish enemies of civilization!" If a flicker of sympathetic response awakens in you, search your heart for its meaning, and consult the records of other peoples which have been similarly tempted and have given way.

It may be only wishful thinking on my part but it may well be that this book will awaken Christian consciousness and dissipate Jewish cowardice, so that with hands and hearts entwined the Judaic-Christian ideology may yet be salvaged to uplift and ennoble generations yet unborn.

EMANUEL STERNHEIM.

Raising the Power of Prayer

LIVING PRAYERFULLY. By Kirby Page. New York: Farrar & Rinehart, Inc. 523 pp. \$2.00.

Inspiring passages abound in prose and poetry, but too often they fail to inspire and almost invariably they inspire too little. The fault is not with authors but with readers, yet it is largely authors who must improve the transmission of inspiration. One author who brilliantly is solving the central problem of education: the creation of civilization by the conversion of literary creations into character and conduct is Kirby Page. In this, his latest book, with beautiful practicality he shows how to transform poetry and prose-as-significant-as-poetry into prayer, and prayer into practice. What greater service can be rendered?

Most of Dr. Page's big book is an anthology of poems and prose embodying "the spiritual stimuli needed if we are to practice the presence of God and to follow Jesus' way of life: awe and adoration, praise and thanksgiving, contrition and confession, aspiration and commitment, petition and intercession, communion and fellowship, social action." Many of those represented in this magnificent compilation are UNITY contributors and editors—from Dr. Holmes himself to, among the poets, Angela Morgan, E. Merrill Root, Robert Whitaker, Stanton Coblenz, and your poetry editors.

RALPH CHEYNEY.

Kirby & Alva. Hope your summer has been truly restful. Heavens best blessings on you both every day. Of the long journey you begin so soon. Will be "thinking" of you - Friends at U. Wash are expecting you - Yours all the time
September First 1941
10728 Rochester Avenue, Los Angeles *Take*

Greetings--family kin and friends:

Again at the close of Summerdays and the beginning of Autumntime we salute you with respect, appreciation and affection. What rapid and fateful changes in both the domestic and foreign scenes and what oceans of disappointment, misery and death for humanity in the last twelve months. Must it go on another year? Are we powerless to stop such "merciless butchery" (Churchill words) and such wholesale decimation of the earths population and wanton destruction of what we call culture and civilization? Is the U S to join the "military parade" and become like Europe? What does America's fevered, stupendous and wasteful preparations for war mean for this and future generations of our youth? How are the ideals, spirit and programs of pure religion being affected by all these abnormal inhuman conditions under which we now live? Are we to abandon hope and work for the brotherhood society as taught by Jesus? Can His friendly, goodwill, "one family" world community be established by machine gun, bomb and battleship? Sobering questions these, for those who want to think rather than shoot and kill. We have some answers. What are yours?

We are most grateful for all the letters, card greetings and personal contacts with you during the year. Each person receiving this message (please accept as personal) has a place of distinctive meaning in our lives. Sometimes we wonder why a gracious providence has given us such satisfying family connections and so many hundreds of loyal understanding friends of all classes, ages and races. We are humbly thankful and would be more worthy. Among the dear friends we salute with special pride, esteem and best wish are---Grace Thomas Eloxham, Florence Koizumi, Grace Stenger Colby, Robert Jack, Daniel Rittenhouse, John Bogue, Mrs. Carter and Colonel Raymond Robins, - all of whom are forced for long periods of time to be quiet, patient and wait for strength. God bless you all.

990 students who give Baptist church preference plus scores of others who affiliate give us more opportunity and responsibility in Christian work than we can adequately meet. The Bible discussion groups, the groups in the home from time to time, the many personal interviews, the Labor and Housing seminar studies, the China and Europe social service projects, the monthly Social Action Commission work, the Christian Witnessing deputations to Churches and the weekly Club meetings, averaging 103 per week in attendance, have brought wider horizons and Christian Leadership experience to several hundred youth. This Roger Williams Club service is supported by our City, State and National Church agencies.

The Summertime trip led east of the Sierra Nevada range to Bishop, east to Tonopah and Ely Nevada, north to Twin Falls and Pocatello Idaho and more north to Butte and Helena Montana. We crossed into Canada at Waterton Lakes gateway and then northeast to the King ranch near Calgary. All the way a fascinating country the Nevada is sparsely populated. Leaving Tonopah the hi-way sign is impressive, "next town Ely 177 miles". After 16 wonderful days with brother and sister Mills and Aimee King on the 480 acre grain ranch we drove 850 miles west thru the Canadian Rockies to Vancouver BC. The completion of this scenic hi-way along the Bow, Kicking Horse, Columbia and Frazer rivers was celebrated June 29, 1940. It is all alluring, glorious and rewarding for the observing traveller. Rather thrilling at the continental divide to stand straddle a stream with 5 or 6 stones (size of your two fists) in the middle actually turning the water part to the Atlantic, part to the Pacific. From Golden to Revelstoke it is approximately 45 miles across the rugged mountains, but the new hi-way follows the Columbia

River north and back south (like an inverted V) a distance of 195 miles between these two cities. The Frazer river canyon road from Spence's Bridge to Hope is 100 miles practically all within narrow steep canyon walls. 50 or 60 miles of it is narrow mountain shelf road and more crooked than the proverbial cork screw. To leave 20 miles behind you in an hour is "good going". Fine picturesque hard surface road however and any careful driver is ok with it. Both the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National RR'wys are in the canyon also. This 100 mile Frazer River stretch is part of the increasingly used road from Vancouver to the north country around Prince Rupert and is a section of the Alaska to Mexico road.

After visiting the University of British Columbia and the 1000 acre celebrated Stanley Park in Vancouver City we "ferried" the car 2½ hours across the Georgia Straights to Nanaimo and drove 30 miles north to Qualicum Beach hotel resort on Vancouver Island. Here we were guests of the Hazen Foundation in an eight day Conference-School composed of Deans of Men and Women, Professors, College Presidents and Christian leaders. More effective personal and group counselling with students was the dominant purpose. From Qualicum we drove 110 miles south to the BC Capital city, "old-English-like" Victoria. Then another ferry of two hours across the Straights of Juan de Fuca to Port Angeles on the Olympic Peninsula in the state of Washington. Thence to blessed Seabeck, Seattle, Portland, over the impressive Oregon coast bridges and down thru the superlative California Redwoods to San Francisco and Los Angeles. 5,781 miles with only one flat (the first in 30,000 miles of driving), but passing cars on Canadian gravel roads put a hole in both lights and shattered the wind shield.

At the Kings we sure did much "talking and eating" and had happy experiences. Among them 1) the two Sundays we worshipped at First Baptist Church in Calgary. 2) gathering some dozens of eggs each day. 3) helping pick and shell peas for 17 cans one morning. 4) driving the tractor with a 14 foot rod weeder 15 times around the summer fallow (3½ miles each trip). 5) catching that 12 inch one pound trout in the Bow river. 6) driving about the countryside calling on friends and speculating on crop prospects. 7) and the memorable 841 mile four day trip with Aimee and Mills to Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper National Park scenic panoramas and on to the Provincial Capital Edmonton and back to Calgary.

Other events and experiences of note to us during the year are- 1) the fact that Dick Jones, Harold Seaman and many student friends are now in army camps for military training. As far as we can learn all will rejoice if 12 months is all there is of it. The only one majority vote in Congress for extension of training time is a sobering reflection for chief of staff and the administration leaders. 2) the high privilege of being guests of the Allens at Seabeck and the Woodbury's at the University of Washington and of brief visits with the Schwieso, Smith and Wilcox families in Seattle. Also parts of two days with Willard and Bessie Zimmerman and the Rettie friends in Portland. And a night with the Weymouth Crowell's on their 22,000 acre Oregon ranch, lunch with Pauline, Bill and Jim Dolash near Tillamook and a happy restful Sunday with Stan and Bertha Pier in charming Potter Valley. Thank you all for invaluable friendship and generous hospitality. 3) the marriage of sister Golda's daughter Betty Silver to Lloyd Nelson on August 9th. They are to live in Stanley North Dakota. 4) the good news that our "Aunt Hett" is in cheerful spirit as she nears her 93rd birthday in November. Love to you jolly auntie. 5) news letters from Geils in Africa, Hylberts and Taylors in China, Hayes and Singhs in India and the Turners in Chili. Big blessings on you all and others who hold the Christian front anywhere.

Yours all ways and always,
Minnie Lee and Gayle Seaman

9003 N. St. Louis Avenue
Portland, Oregon
Sept. 1, 1941

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page:

I received your literature, and it is being distributed. A few ministers met last week in regard to the Retreat, and I am meeting with Dr. Nace of the Council of Churches this afternoon. Several ministers have agreed to take certain jobs which need to be done in connection with the retreat.

J. Claude Neely, president of the Portland Ministerial Ass'n, will handle all musical matters. Harry Rarey is Registrar-Treasurer. C. Alton Brostrom will handle the literature table. Dulcina Brown of the Council of churches has been working with us on publicity in the absence of Dr. Nace who has just returned. Thompson L. Shannon, pastor of First Christian, will be general chairman, but since he has been absent all month he has not been able to do much yet. In his absence a few of us have kept plans going. J.J. Handsaker will put out publicity through his office to members of the N.C.P.W. The F.O.R. and W.I.L. will also push it.

About newspaper publicity-- do you want no mention of the Retreat at all in the papers? I doubt if we will be able to keep it out entirely. Should we furnish the church editors with a brief article for the Saturday church page the preseeding week? We shall be guided by your wishes.

Our committee felt that a number of people would want to come to the Friday evening session who could not get there at any other time. Could an offering be taken at that session to which these could contribute? The chairman of the board at First Christian said that the janitor should receive a little extra for his extra work. What do you wish to do about this?

A copy of the minister's directory has been mailed to you by the council of churches office.

J.W. Reed has asked if you could be his guest--you and Mrs. Page, during your stay here. I told him I would relay the invitation on to you. Let us know what your arrangements are.

Expectantly yours,

Wilbur Longfellow

First Presbyterian Church
LAWRENCE I. STELL, MINISTER
18 E. 5th Street
Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

September 1, 1941

Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

Your advertisement of "Living Prayerfully" in the Sept. 3, issue of The Christian Century, giving your address reminds me of an earlier book of yours which I have been seeking.

I have already purchased "Living Prayerfully" from my bookstore - though it has not yet come - and I have in my library your other books of similar title - Living Creatively and Living Courageously.

Do you have or know where I can secure a copy of Living Triumphant? Some how, I have never seen a copy of the book, but the excellence of the other two has made me want it. I have tried several bookstores only to be told that it is out of print.

If you have an extra copy which you will sell me, I shall be glad to forward my check in payment. Or if you can advise me where I can get a copy, I shall appreciate it.

Let me say too that I still remember most vividly the fellowship I enjoyed with you at Duke Univ. at the Institute of International Relations in 1934 - both in your lectures, at the table, and in brief conversations as I carried you from one campus to the other in my car. You have had a large part in strengthening my convictions that the ways of Christ are always the ways of peace. I am grateful.

Best regards to your people,
Sincerely,

Lawrence Steele

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

August 18, 1941

My dear Mr. Pierce:

A copy of my new pamphlet "How Does God Deal With Evildoers?" is being enclosed herewith. Do tell me what you think of it.

We have had a wonderful summer together. Our daughter and her husband and their nine months old daughter have been with us after their three years in Yale University Divinity School. Our son-in-law has accepted an attractive position with the Metropolitan YMCA of Los Angeles and they will be living only an hour's drive away from us. Our son was home until the 14th when he went to the camp for conscientious objectors at San Dimas to begin his year of national service.

Various members of the family have been working this summer in assembling material for a new book to be called "Living Abundantly: Devotional Readings Interpreting the Significance of Creative Minority Groups." We will be working on this intermittently for the next two or three years because we have planned an ambitious study of some 20 of these religious groups.

On September 2 my wife and I are beginning a 16 weeks tour of the continent. In some 35 communities I will be conducting two-day Spiritual Retreats and in addition will conduct ten one-day conferences under the auspices of the Peace Section of the American Friends Service Committee.

You will be glad to know that "Living Prayerfully" is being widely used.

As the world crisis deepens and as the fate of millions becomes more tragic, all of us must deepen our own spiritual insights and increase our efforts to render maximum service. I am looking forward to this series of Spiritual Retreats with the utmost expectations. I do hope that I will be able to see you when I come East this fall.

Cordially yours,

Kirby Page

Mr. Jonathan Pierce
330 DeKalb Ave.
White Plains, N. Y.

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Beloved Friend, 33 De Kalb Ave., White Plains, N.Y., 9/2/41.

I just have to write on the back of your letter, so you can see the penciled note I put on it, immediately after reading your very remarkable pamphlet. — Now, I don't think I can improve on it! How very lovely to get the inside view of your family, — with its purposeful harmony, — revealed in this letter. Whenever you come within reach of me, I shall want to know it, & attend your gatherings; for I know of nothing more urgently needed, being done.

I'm inclosing my usual contribution doubled, for I want \$5.00 worth of the pamphlets to distribute among Friends & others.

With hearty best wishes,

Devotedly, Jonathan C. Pierce,

Pacific College
"The Friendly School"
NEWBERG, OREGON

September 2, 1941

Rev. Kirby Page
P.O. Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Friend:-

I have just received your note and had already had notice of the Spiritual Retreat which you are to lead in the First Christian Church of Portland September 12th and 13th.

Whether or not I can be there is still uncertain. I came through the year pretty thoroughly tired, and since I had been made president emeritus with commencement of 1941 and my successor had taken over at that time, my wife and I planned to spend virtually the whole summer at our little place out at the coast. As a matter of fact we have been out there only eleven days. Mrs. Pennington had a severe attack of neuritis in June which lasted for three weeks, and late in July she had a recurrence of it, from which she is still suffering, though she is improved. We are leaving today for some time at the coast, and whether we can be back in time for this retreat I do not know.

I pray that God's blessing may be upon you and upon those who attend this gathering.

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington
Levi T. Pennington

LTP:DV

The Plymouth Congregational Church

Broadway and Ninth Avenue North
Fargo, North Dakota

MRS. R. M. JENKINS, TREASURER
1033 NORTH 5TH STREET

CLARENCE E. PARR, MINISTER
517 NINTH AVENUE NORTH

MISS FERNE CATES, CLERK
310 ROXY BUILDING

September 2, 1941

Dear Friend:

Enclosed you will find several copies of a leaflet announcing a Spiritual Retreat to be held at Plymouth Church, Fargo, on Sunday and Monday, September 28 and 29.

This Retreat comes at a most opportune time, as we face the coming months which we are sure will bring great opportunities and responsibilities to each of us.

May I urge that Pastors, Church School Superintendents and other Church officers seek to enlist the interest and participation of as many individuals in positions of influence and leadership as possible.

Additional Promotional Leaflets may be had for the asking.

Steps are being taken to organize a Sponsoring Committee to work out and care for the necessary details incident to the successful promotion of this Retreat. May I earnestly solicit your wholehearted cooperation in making this Retreat a period of deep spiritual refreshment, renewal and dedication to the task that lies before us.

Cordially,

Clarence E. Parr

THE METHODIST CHURCH
Chewelah, Wash.
Sept. 2, 1941.

Mr. Kirby Page,
Box 247,
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Announcement has just come to me of a Retreat to be conducted by you in Spokane, also a circular concerning your book LIVING PRAYERFULLY.

I should like to place several copies of the book among my parishioners, so, am inclosing the order for consignment copies.

Inclosed also is a set of verses entitled MY NEIGHBOR, which I composed a few months ago. I have made no attempt to make use of it, except to quote it in a sermon. While I am not a recognized public writer, much less a poet, these verses seem to me to have merit. It has occurred to me that you might make use of it in some manner.

Very truly yours,

Ray W. Mason
Ray W. Mason, Pastor,
THE METHODIST CHURCH.

WORLD CALL INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE of Disciples of Christ

OFFICE OF THE EDITOR
GEORGE WALKER BUCKNER, JR., D.D.

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

September 3, 1941

Dr. Kirby Page,
Box 247,
La Habra, California.

Dear Doctor Page:

Please accept my sincere thanks for that very excellent article on "What War Does To Democracy." It has gone to the printer and will appear in our October issue which comes from the press the latter part of this month. Under separate cover we shall be sending you two copies of this issue of World Call. If you wish for additional copies please let me know.

Again let me thank you for your very fine contribution. I look for your article to stir things up a bit, which will be an indication of its vitality.

As ever, yours,

George Walker Buckner, Jr.

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The First Church of the Brethren

CONGRESS STREET & CENTRAL PARK AVENUE
Chicago, Illinois

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

3560 Congress Street
Sept. 3, 1941

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page,

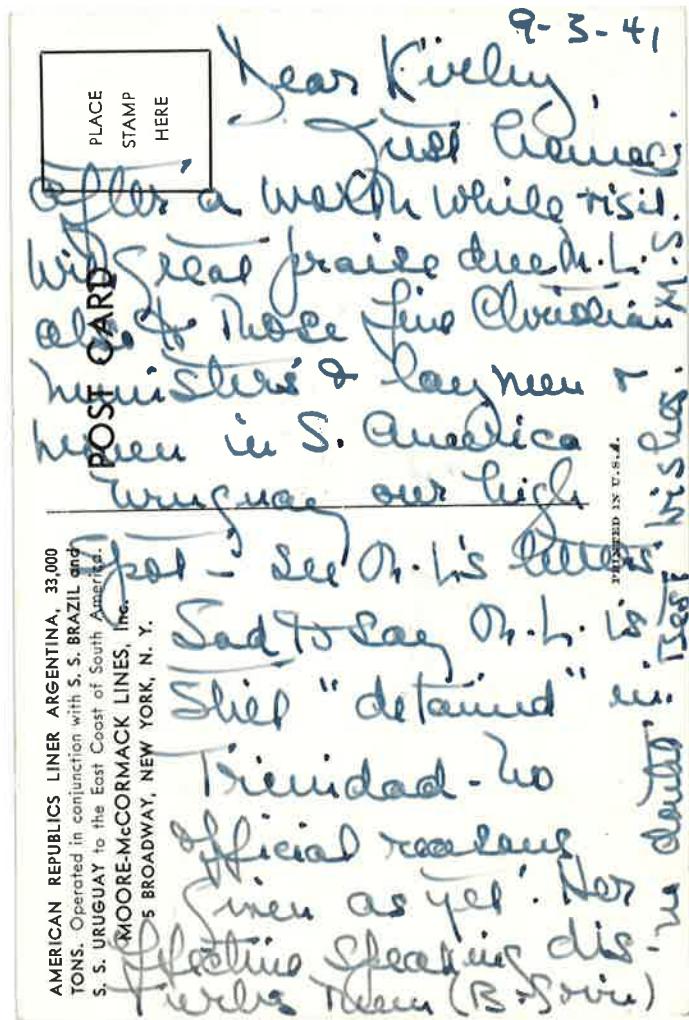
I received your letter regarding the Spiritual Retreats at Seattle and Spokane. I am no longer at Wenatchee. Had I been there I might have been with you. We came to Chicago this past March. Should you get into this section at any time I would be pleased to have you give us some time at our church. It is at our church where our Theological Seminary is located.

Thank you for the invitation and for your part in keeping the light of Truth burning during these war-fevered days.

Sincerely,

Hayes S. Will ✓

P. S. - I am finding your LIVING PRAYERFULLY helpful.



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September 3, 1941

Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby Page:

I am sorry to have delayed answering your letter of August 11 due to absence from my office. I am also sorry to have to report that the book requested, "Quakers in Commerce" by Paul H. M. Emden, is published in England and is not now available. Our Book Store has had copies on order since last May which have not yet arrived. If they do turn up, I shall be glad to have the Book Store forward one to you.

In the meantime, I shall be glad to forward our loan copy if you so desire. Just drop me a postal to that effect.

Sincerely,

David S. Richie

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Secretary

DSR:CBB

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gram. The church's national council has made an appropriation for the building.

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And So Forth

From the pastorate of the First United Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, has come to Indianapolis in recent days Fred L. Dennis, the new bishop of the communion's northwest area, comprising some 1,000 congregations in five states.

Another new leader for United Brethren of the state is Elmer Becker, recently elected head of Huntington College. Dr. Becker has for the past five years been general secretary of Christian education of the United Brethren Church.

Harlie L. Smith, for the past two years executive secretary of the Board of Higher Education of Disciples of Christ, has resigned to accept the presidency of William Woods College, Fulton, Mo. He succeeds Dr. Henry G. Harmon who goes to the presidency of Drake University, a large school in Des Moines, Iowa.

Methodists in the Indianapolis area gave \$192,912 to world service during the last fiscal year. World service includes all home and foreign missions, church extension, education, temperance and general benevolences.

Indiana has reduced its local public debt 5.2 per cent in eight years. It is revealed, however, that much of this reduction is due to the state's taking over a large part of highway costs and to the fact that many public improvements have been made at federal expense.

GEORGE WALKER BUCKNER, JR.

Lutheran Giving

Increasing

Contributions to the work of the United Lutheran Church in America increased by 6.5 per cent during the past fiscal year, which ended June 30, according to the report of E. Clarence Miller, of Philadelphia, treasurer. The total giving of \$1,101,880 was the highest since 1932. It represents a total increase of over \$70,000.

Catholic Flays

War Trend

Opposition to the active entry of the United States into a "declared war" and to "our activities now in an undeclared one" was expressed by Dorothy Day, editor of the *Catholic Worker*, before the opening session of the 1941 Williamstown Institute of Human Relations, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Murphy Scores Nazi 'Holy War'

Nazi claims that they are waging a "holy war" on Russia were disputed by Associate Justice Frank Murphy of the United States Supreme Court, in addressing the supreme council of the Knights of Columbus in Atlantic City. Such claims were made, Murphy said, to confuse the thinking of the people in the United States and "particularly among people of Catholic faith who are notably opposed to the tenets and practices of communism. The people of Poland are tragically aware that it is no champion of the cross who occupies their land," he stated. Murphy declared that Soviet Russia should have the support of the democracies in its war with Germany.

Current Feature Films

Prepared by Independent Filmscores

M—Mature. Y—Younger. C—Children. *Outstanding for Family. †Outstanding for Mature Audience.		
Bowery Blitz-krieg (Mono.) Leo Gorcey, Bobby Jordan	Melodrama. Under influence of social-minded policeman, young tough refuses bribe, wins golden gloves bout.	Its plot and theme subordinated to exploitation of lads' "toughness," film is amateurish in direction and acting. <i>Noisy, trivial.</i>
Cracked Nuts (Univ.) Mischa Auer, Stuart Erwin, Una Merkel	Comedy. A swindler with fake "mechanical man" to patent, and a radio-contest winner who should have been fleeced but isn't.	A dull story carried out in run-of-the-mill fashion. Inoffensive enough, but <i>inane</i> .
Peace: by Hitler (The March of Time)	Documentation, rehashing Hitler's broken promises, with LaGuardia, Willkie and others warning against any forthcoming peace offers.	Depends mostly on commentator, with previous news shots as illustration. Disregards possibility of any other than a "Hitler" peace and deplores propaganda of isolationists. <i>Partisan, incomplete.</i>
Ringside Maisie (MGM) George Murphy, Ann Sothern, R. Sterling	Comedy-drama in the series about the slangy show girl whose heart is pure gold. Here she ends the friction between an ambitious manager and his young fighter who really hates the ring.	Not much story here, and the prizefights with which it is padded will annoy many audiences. Film, however, is appealing in its characterizations and there are some entertaining sequences. <i>Fair of its kind.</i>
†Shining Victory (War.) Donald Crisp, G. Fitzgerald, James Stephenson	Drama. Psychiatrist, embittered through unfair treatment by superiors, devotes self to cold-hearted research. Then he learns compassion and social insight from love and sacrifice of girl who is his assistant.	A closely knit story, directed with smoothness, restraint and understanding so that it becomes a human document. <i>Honest, effective.</i>
Tom, Dick and Harry (RKO) Alan Marshall, B. Meredith, George Murphy, Ginger Rogers	Comedy. Working girl, with three offers of marriage, dreams of the probable life with each. Dreams work out as almost cartoon fantasies.	Succeeds admirably in combining absurdity of the dreams with everyday bits of realism. A freshness and spontaneity about the humor. <i>Entertaining.</i>

BEST CURRENT STORIES

For Family: Adventures of Chico, The Big Store, Fantasia, The Great Commandment, The Great Dictator, Life Begins for Andy Hardy, Men of Boys' Town, Power and the Land, The Reluctant Dragon, Sunny, There's Magic in Music.

For Mature Audience: Adam Had Four Sons, Blackout, Blood and Sand, Blossoms in the Dust, Cheers for Miss Bishop, Citizen Kane, The Devil and Miss Jones, The Fight for Life, A Girl, a Guy and a Gob, The Girl in the News, Ku Kan, Meet John Doe, Missing Ten Days, Night Train, Penny Serenade, The Stars Look Down.

Willett, Clark Books

<i>Man's Vision of God</i> , Charles Hartshorne	\$3.00
<i>The Man Christ Jesus</i> , John Knox	\$1.00
<i>Form and Freedom in Worship</i> , Clarence Seidenspinner	\$2.00
<i>What Is Christianity?</i> Charles Clayton Morrison	\$3.00
<i>Our Prodigal Son Culture</i> , Hugh S. Tigner	\$1.50
<i>Highland Shepherds</i> , Arthur W. Hewitt	\$2.00
<i>White Corpuscles in Europe</i> , Allan Hunter	75 cents
<i>Latin America</i> , Samuel Guy Inman	\$3.75
<i>Master Sermons of the Nineteenth Century</i> , Gaius G. Atkins, editor	\$2.00

Willett, Clark & Company

37 West Van Buren St., Chicago

Eureka, California
September 4, 1941

Dear Kirby:

I saw in the Christian Evangelist of August 28 that you are to be in Palo Alto the 9th and 10th, and then in Portland, Oregon, the 12th and 13th, and I wondered if you would be going through Eureka on the 101 Highway to go from Palo Alto to Portland, Oregon. If you are planning to go that way I wish you would stop to see us here in Eureka. It would not be out of your way at all.

If you come into Eureka on 101 Highway you will be on Broadway Street. If you would make a right hand turn at 7th Street it will take you right past our house. The Church is on 7th and K Streets, so if you get there before 12:30 p.m. I would be in the study in the Church, but if after that time then go on past the Church one block and a half and our house will be on the left, 1115. There are two boards reaching from the porch to the sidewalk for our Marjorie's wheel chair. I am sending a copy of this letter to your La Habra address and to General Delivery in Palo Alto, and I also am writing to our minister in Palo Alto, Charles Mobley, asking if he will get in touch with you.

If it fits in with your plan we will be just delighted to have you stay all night with us, for we have an extra bed, and if it should be noon-time we would want you here for dinner. Whatever you do we want you to know that you can make our home a stopping place and we do want to see you.

Most sincerely,

John F. Stubbs

9/10

Dear Charles:

Eureka, California
September 4, 1941

I saw by the Christian Evangelist that Kirby Page is to be in your city the 9th and 10th of this month. If possible I wish you would see him for me and tell him that we live in Eureka at 1115 7th Street, and that we would be so glad to have him stop if he goes to Portland by our highway. I am writing to him but he may not get my letter until it is too late. I would appreciate this kindness very much.

Sincerely,
John F. Stubbs

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September 5, 1941

Reverend Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
LaHabra, California

Dear Mr. Page,

Your letter of September 2 has just come to me. We received the pamphlets several days ago. All purchasing by the Gish Fund Committee is done through the business office of the Brethren Publishing House, and I had assumed that the price of the pamphlets had been forwarded to you in August. I find, however, that it has not been, and I am accordingly enclosing a check for ten dollars. I deeply regret this delay and am glad you called my attention to it. We are getting a number of calls for the pamphlet and are happy to help in the distribution of it.

Respectfully yours,

Ora W. Garber

Ora W. Garber
Secretary Gish Fund Committee

OWG/rs

Oak Bluffs, Mass.,
September 7, 1941

Dear Allan:

In a life of fifty years I have been frequently misquoted, but never so wholly misinterpreted as in that report of the Harvard Symmer session, at which I gave a series of lectures and took part in round table discussions.

I said the exact opposite of what I was reported to have said. The statement that little attention was given to the pacifist position is utterly contrary to fact, for I started right in on my first lecture by stating that it would be a tragedy at a conference dealing with Religion and the Present World if no voice were to be raised in defense of the Christian Pacifist position. I made a careful analysis of the Neo-orthodoxy of Karl Barth and the position of Neibuhr and his following - and tried to be fair and just in my criticism. As the conference was set up from the start on an interventionist basis, I was very much alone. I even thanked the group at the close for having given me so fair a hearing.

The jist of my criticism of Neibuhr's position was to the effect that this group stressed the utter singullness of man, some of them going so far as to call man "beastly", and with no hope of redemption apart from God's free grace - and then, they trust to this "beast" to use carnal weapons to "save Christianity and Democracy" by the ways of the world.

In a letter to the Christian Century I have stated my position and my criticism of the unfair and untrue report, but did not go into this matter of Neo-orthodoxy.

I trust that you will see my letter. Of course I have heard from numerous friends who could hardly understand the report; one asked me whether I had lost my mind. Only last June I had dinner in Chicago with Paul Hutchinson and we discussed this whole problem. I wrote him and asked him how he could possibly think that I would make such statements as given in this report in the light of our talk last June. He wrote me that he had not seen the report till it was published and was sure that I had been incorrectly quoted. He promised to publish my letter in the first possible issue.

It is a great satisfaction to hear that Kirby said to wait till you heard from me before you accepted this statement as true.

Will you kindly send on this word to Kirby and also to Muriel Lester if you happen to know where she is just now. She is another friend who would find it difficult to reconcile that report with our talks together in India and in America. Any of my friends whom you may happen to meet please set right on this matter.

I might add that the Boston press treated my lectures most unfairly. I took pains to sit down with the reporter and dictate what I wanted printed, saying that it was important to get me straight. Not one word of that dictated statement was published but headlines were given to a Jewish rabbi interventionist who was merely in the audience and who made a statement from the floor in support of the war. My own words were garbled and I was quoted simply from a casual statement made during the round table hour, not a word of my

lecture being reported.

I go back to a college under the control of interventionist leadership, Last year I was not asked to speak in the chapel once, though week in and week out interventionist members of the faculty were given full freedom to air their views to the student body, so much so that the college paper came out and criticized openly the flagrant nature of the propaganda. Talk about fifth columnists -we are loaded with British, Austrian and German refugee professors who are doing their utmost to drag us into this war.

Surely we need patience, courage and prayer in these days.

Faithfully yours,

Ralph Harlow

Have you seen J.Middleton Murray's The Church's Betrayal of Christ?

FOLLOWING THE 26TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION, SEPTEMBER 5-7, 1941 AT LAKESIDE, OHIO

FOURTEEN F.O.R. CONFERENCES
COAST TO COAST

SEPTEMBER 7 TO OCTOBER 5, 1941

LED BY

A. J. MUSTE

Conference cities and dates listed below. For information on hours of meetings and local addresses consult with person indicated.

Canton, Ohio, September 7
Miss Ethel M. Snyder
906 G. D. Harter Bank Building, Canton

Cincinnati, Ohio, September 9
Rev. Harold N. Geistweit
11-25 W. 9th Street, Cincinnati

New York, N. Y., September 10
Miss Charlotte Bentley
242 E. 14th Street, New York

Philadelphia, Pa., September 11
Mr. Andrew Towl
R. D. 1, Wayne, Pa.

Nashville, Tenn., September 12-14
Miss Constance Rumbough
2210 Highland Ave., Nashville

Memphis, Tenn., September 16-17
Mr. Ensley Tiffin
189 Market Mall, Apt. 384, Memphis

Chicago, Ill., September 19
Mr. Donovan E. Smucker
740 Rush St., Chicago

Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., September 20-21
Rev. Elliott Marston
5853 France Ave., So., Minneapolis

Lincoln, Neb., September 23
Mr. C. D. Hayes
YMCA, Universit of Nebraska, Lincoln

Kansas City, Mo., September 24-25
Miss Helen Pell
3738 Prospect Ave., Kansas City

Denver, Colo., September 27-28
Dean Paul Roberts
1313 Clarkson St., Denver

Portland, Ore., September 30-October 1
Rev. Lee Lynne
3324 S. E. Woodward, Portland

San Francisco, Cal., October 2-3
Mrs. Louise Thompson
2302 Dana, Berkeley, Cal.

Los Angeles, Cal., October 4-5
Mr. Harold Stone Hull
520 E. Orange Grove Ave., Pasadena, Cal.

It was planned that MURIEL LESTER should share the above Conferences and, in spite of a difficulty with the British authorities which has detained her in Trinidad, it is hoped that this plan can still be carried through.

Come and bring others into touch with the F.O.R.

Books in Review

Candles in the Wind, by Allan Knight Chalmers; Charles Scribner's and Sons. \$2.00.

"Light is always superior to darkness. Darkness never blots out light," writes Allan Chalmers in the opening chapter of this illuminating, penetrating, tender, most helpful book. A "Candle in the Wind" is, however, not enough. "After a while you find that you have had to center upon it so closely that all its value is gone. You see nothing but the light and are once more a prisoner of the darkness." So we must become, for one thing, torches. There must be passion in our Christian living; a cutting edge like the acetylene torches that cut steel like a hot knife cuts butter. And, in the second place, we must have the creative quality of light. The main trouble with the world "is that no considerable group of mankind holds to the ideal as its supreme motivation and brings to bear on the life we live an intelligent and effectual movement toward the goal."

Dozens of times a phrase or sentence in this book serves to make a great truth or area of spiritual experience stand out like a landscape under the sun on a clear day. Thus "you can teach people the motions but not the emotions of life." God does not and will not tip the scales in our favor or in response to our prayer: "God has laid His hand upon you. Not His finger on the scales but His hand upon you."

On the question what we do when as a result of a nation's past refusal to walk the way of right and brotherhood it seems unable to do the righteous and brotherly thing, to make Christianity work now: "Remember that it will not work in the now of some tomorrow unless we, believing in it, do not lose it in ourselves today." There is, as the title of one of the chapters suggests, a "door we had forgotten—there is always a way open for a man to serve God. It is the door we had forgotten."

In this book Allan Chalmers indicates an amazing breadth of reading in ancient and modern poetry, drama and fiction—and in the Bible. His quotations are joyous treasures. This book belongs on the noble shelf with Gerald Heard's *Code of Christ* and *Creed of Christ* and Allan Hunter's *Secretly Armed*. I suggest that in the coming months local Fellowship groups and pacifist cells use its chapters to guide them in their periods of meditation.

These Shared His Cross, by Edwin McNeill Poteat. Harper and Bros. \$1.50.

The arrangement itself of this book is inspired. Each of the seven chapters is in two parts, the first giving an imaginative, brilliantly drawn account of some individual or group connected

with the Biblical account of the Crucifixion; the second an analysis of a problem suggested by the incidents described. Thus the story of the Roman soldiers is followed by a discussion of the Cross and Cruelty; of Simon of Cyrene by the Cross and Wealth; the Women by the Cross and Family; the two malefactors by the Cross and the Meaning of Life. The other chapters deal with the Cross and Liberalism, Orthodoxy and the War Mind respectively. One can hardly avoid the temptation to quote the perfectly phrased descriptions, analyses and insights with which the book abounds as: "Misery loves company; cruelty demands it. One may suffer in solitude, but one rarely tortures alone. . . . There was a time when suffering was thought to be redemptive; we have now come upon days in which cruelty is announced as an agent of salvation." Those who read this book will be charmed, inspired and uplifted.

When Hostilities Cease. Addresses and Findings of the Exploratory Conference on the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, Chicago, May 27-30, 1941, under the auspices of the Commission on World Peace of the Methodist Church—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Chairman, and the Rev. Charles F. Boss, Jr., Secretary. Paper Cover. 35 cents.

The Preface to this valuable collection of material states that "in the interest of Christian fellowship and concentration" upon the specific theme of the peace to follow the war, "discussion on pacifism, aid to Britain and America's entry into the war" was omitted from the meetings. It was decided to maintain Christian fellowship among those who differed on these issues and "the spirit of this Call was not violated during the Conference." It would be easy to imagine a Conference setting itself such a limitation lapsing into a very unrealistic attitude. This was evidently not true in this case.

There is an extraordinary amount of valuable material in John Foster Dulles' address on "The Church's Role in Developing the Bases of a Just and Enduring Peace"; Paul Hutchinson's on "Problems of the Orient in a Just and Enduring Peace"; Eugene Staley's on "Economic Foundations" and half a dozen others, including one by Mousheng H. Lin, Editor of *Contemporary China*; one by Kaname Wakasugi, Minister Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United States; and one by E. Stanley Jones.

There are six Reports, adopted in the plenary sessions of the Conference, which are interesting for their content, but, in particular, when they are considered as unofficial utterances of a great denomination on certain world issues. There is a useful list of reference

books and pamphlets and of agencies giving special attention to international affairs. The book should be very widely used by study groups, especially in the churches.

Big Business, Efficiency and Fascism by Kemper Simpson; Harper and Bros. \$2.50.

Pacifists who are interested in the economic shape of things to come will find in this book an interesting argument to the effect that "big business," even by its own criteria of unit cost of product and return on invested capital, is not as efficient as medium sized or small business. Thus the policy of early Quaker industrialists to keep business expansion within limits is justified from an unexpected quarter! The data to prove the contention are presented in chapters on the cement, iron, steel, farm machinery, milk, bread, automobile, etc. industries, which summarize findings of the Federal Trade Commission and other Government agencies.

Mr. Simpson's own remedy is what seems to this reviewer a much too simplistic return to competitive capitalism. However, he presents a valuable analysis of the tie-up between corporate business and Fascism in Italy and Germany; and warns that "eventually trustified capitalism turns to the State" and believes that "big business has become an unwitting fifth column in the democracy and in league with it are many propertied folk who admire its 'streamlined efficiency' and who fear the 'dirty Communists.' Its more reckless and cruel representatives may yet finance a dictator when a crisis threatens the economy they have so selfishly misused."

A. J. M.

Chorus of the Pots and Pans

Clang! Crash! Bang! So throw us away
With the men we've served. What
have we to say?

We have helped our owners to food
and drink,
But we couldn't help them to pray or
think!

What's good and useful must have its
end.

We have heard the call: "Come, come,
defend—
Defend our land; for the world is rife
With foes to destroy our way of life!"
Come! Build the heap, like the men
now dead
Whom in years gone by we've so gladly
fed.
We instruments of your homes' good
will
Must be melted, fused into things to
kill.

Metal and men both helpless, dumb
At the call for iron and aluminum.
Poor world! Must you share this doom
of man's
And go the way of his pots and pans?

PARK JERAULD WHITE, JR.

Dear Mr Page -

You article on how God
Deals with children in the present
Century have read with interest.

It causes me to wonder whether
you would like or even recog-
nize your own doctrine if it
were presented to you in a
different guise. So I am
sending you under separate cover
a pamphlet "In Search of a

Religion" which translates your
ideas into a quite different language.

Sincerely yours

Donald Ray Johnson

8 Sept 1941

Hingham, Mass

D. R. Page; ~~W. S. 6315 High School Av.~~ Dallas, Tex.
~~9-7-41~~

Will you please send
me your last book, advertised
in The Christian Century,

"Living the Prayer Life"?

I enclose check to cover.
I recall we discussed the subject,
brightly, on a rainy(?) day in
Durant, Ok. when you couldn't
go to the "Denits Kitchen(?) to
lecture for grocery people of
S. E. Ok. Teachers' College.

Of course you do not remember
the incident.

Heaven's blessings on you
and your good work for the
Kingdom.

By-the-way, I enjoyed an excellent
article from your pen in The
Christian Century. It is off-
tense, clear and conclusive, and
I thank you for it.

Very cordially

Yours, S. C. Riddell.

P.S. I am now in my eighty-fifth year. R.

RETIRED BISHOP
THE METHODIST CHURCH

Edwin Holt Hughes

1869 WYOMING AVENUE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sept. 9, 1941.

Dear Dr. Page:

I have read your pamphlet with care. I am confident that your main contention is the correct one; nor am I moved to change my mind, because this conviction simply because I belong to the Amherst School of Theology. Plainly it is not easy for us to "wait for" God just now. We would like to hurry Him. Some even appear to wish that He would cancel free agency and reduce tyrants to automata. To take back utterly to Himself all the delegated powers of humanity! But you are right: we must wait for moral decisions.

(Over)

ions to cooperate with God Himself.
 When they do, the diabolical posses;
 and Napoleon goes into Russia;
 & at Waterloo; and then on
 to St. Helena. Something like
 this will come to Hitler.

Warmly yours
 John H. Muller

Yours ever

John H. Muller

(will)

THE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
M. A. COSSABOOM, PASTOR
RESIDENCE 353 WITWER STREET
NORTH CANTON, OHIO

September 9, 1941

June 21

Mr. Kirby Page,
Post Office Box 247,
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby -

Have had you in mind for a long time and have been thinking much about you in recent weeks. Observe that your book is well recommended and have had one request. Cannot say anything definite now for circumstances limit many of my own wishes. Will keep you in mind and perhaps you will hear from me later regarding the things on your mind. Congratulate you and your wife on your book success and with kindest regards, I am,

Very respectfully,

M. A. Cossaboom

M. A. Cossaboom
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BERTRAND SMITH
CHRISTIAN MINISTER
320 BALSAM STREET
KINGSFORD, MICHIGAN

"ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF
THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE.
THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT.
ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM.
ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL."
(EPH. 4:3-6)

Sept. 9, 1941

Mr. Kirby Page
Fox 247
La Habra Calif.

Dear Mr. Page:

I am in receipt of your letter of Sept. 1 regarding a nation-wide series of conferences on LIVING PRAYERFULLY. I am very much interested, and yesterday at their regular meeting I presented the matter to the Dickinson County Ministerial Association. You will doubtless receive in the very near future a communication from the secretary of the Association, Mr. H. Illingworth, Niagara, Wis.

You ask for suggestions. Here is one: Would it be possible to begin the itinerary this fall in the northern states and finish up in the southern states as the weather got colder? I assume that perhaps this could not be done, as perhaps the fall months are taken up, but in view of national and international developments it occurs to me that the series of conferences might be more timely now than in the spring. The Ministerial Association seemed interested also in this phase of the matter.

Yours very sincerely

Bertrand Smith
Bertrand Smith

First Presbyterian Church
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
ROBERT N. MCLEAN, D. D.
MINISTER

September 9, 1941

LISD
Mr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
Lahabra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

I appreciate very much your courtesy in letting me have advance information about the conferences which you are planning to give on "Living Prayerfully". However, our program is already made up for this fall and winter, and we are planning to have Dr. Clelland B. McAfee for just exactly the sort of a conference as you have suggested.

With every good wish for the success of your work, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert N. McLean

Robert N. McLean

RNM:rt

Central Church of Christ

Des Moines, Iowa

L. K. BISHOP, Pastor
Richard S. Anthens, Educational Director
Bernice M. Glenn, Secretary

September 10, 1941

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, C alif.

Dear Friend:

We are in the midst of drawing up organization plans for your Retreat October 3rd and 4th. You will be interested to know that I have been able to obtain the services of President Henry G. Harmon of Drake University as Chairman of two sessions. We are beginning to get the Lay interest of the City.

Enclosed you will find a list of the local Ministers which you requested in your last letter.

In your instructions for the Worship Programs you had the word "Readings". Do you prefer responsive reading, Litany, unison Scripture readings or the Scripture to be read from the pulpit. Will you bring your own books and publications or shall we make arrangements with the local book store to display them. We are attempting to lay the ground work in such a way that we can accomplish the real purpose of the Retreat.

I trust you will feel free to give me any suggestions that you feel would be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

L. K. Bishop

Enclosure

LKB BG

Trinity Methodist Church
724 NILES STREET
Bakersfield, California

September 10, 1941

Dr. Kirby Page
c/o First Christian Church
Portland, Oregon

Dear Dr. Page:

It is foolish for me to attempt to thank you for the unique contribution which you made to us last weekend. Let me thank you in the most sincere manner I know how; not only because many friends of the church felt the meetings were so worthwhile, but because I personally benefitted much.

I trust that your Retreat Series across the country will be most beneficial to others.

Thanking you much, I am,



DWT:WC

First Presbyterian Church

JOHN V. STEPHENS, JR., MINISTER

MARKET AND LINDEN
P. O. BOX 604

Alliance, Ohio

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MISS MARGARET STIFFLER, SEC'Y.

Sept 18

September 10, 1941

Dr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, California

My dear Dr. Page:

I have received your letter of September 1st with regard to a conference in our city sometime this fall or winter.

I am taking the matter up with the Alliance ministerial association with the hope that we may be able to do something on a city wide basis. I believe we could accomplish more in this manner than for our own church to sponsor your coming.

I shall communicate with you just as soon as our Association has taken some action.

With kindest personal regards,
I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J.V. Stephens, Jr.

JVS:MS

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September 11, 1941

Dr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

My dear Dr. Page:

Received your letter of September 1 regarding conferences on Living Prayerfully. I have a suggestion to make to our Field men but before I do that will you please send to the enclosed list of ministers the material which you sent me giving subjects and days for these conferences which you sent to me about the conferences. Also I think it would be good if you would send a statement to the members of our Boards of our church.

Certainly did appreciate your being at our Annual Conference this year. Just had a very important meeting at Winona Lake called by the National Service Board. Ninety one were present representing various religious bodies. General Hershey, Colonel Kosch and McLean were with us and after careful discussion it was decided to try to finance our camps and ask the Government to extend the experimental period to January 1, 1942. In the meantime a special committee was appointed to determine what procedure we should follow after January 1. While the whole program seems uncertain and unstable yet in a sense I feel that it is becoming stronger and I hope to be able to follow the right trail during the years ahead. Any suggestion you may have, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,
M. R. Zigler

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MINISTER

Ohio

June 19

September 11, 1941

Dr. Kirby Page
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:-

I should be very glad to attend the retreat at the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church on October thirteenth but that is the day of our own Ministerial Association meeting. I am sending the material you enclosed in your letter to the president of our Association suggesting that we try to make the arrangements for a one day conference in Akron. Do you care to let me know whether October fourteenth is open? And if not, what day during that week is available?

Yours,

Shale

NSE/GB

S. Paul has gone.

First Methodist Church

Jackson, Michigan

FREDERICK SPENCE, D.D.

STUDY OF THE MINISTER

September 11, 1941

Dr. Kirby Page,
Post Office Box 247,
La Habra, California.

Dear Dr. Page:

I am not quite clear as to what it is that you are asking of me regarding the conferences on "Living Prayerfully." I think such a series would be a fine thing. There is a tremendous need for a return to prayer based upon a more intelligent concept of its meaning.

To me, personally, prayer is meditation, high thinking. But it is useless to pray with any desire to change the mind of God. God is not capricious. He is law. The object of prayer is to strive to think God's thoughts after Him, catching the higher and deeper meanings of life. It is the soul's quest of the highest and the best in life.

It is of little use to pray unless we are willing to move in the direction of our deepest desires as expressed in our prayer. Prayer gives us a sense of oneness with the universe, gives us insight into the meaning of life and the world in which we live. The ineffectiveness of prayer has been in its seeking to shift responsibility upon a vague and uncertain God instead in an attempt to adjust ourselves to the God who is law. Law is the objective not only in the world within but the objective in the world without. We do not have to pray to bring God down. We need to pray to lift ourselves into those forces in which God lives and moves and has His Being.

First Methodist Church
Jackson, Michigan

FREDERICK SPENCE, D.D.

STUDY OF THE MINISTER

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I am glad to see an attempt to bring the nation back to prayer on a more intelligent, rational and thoroughly spiritual basis. I am afraid I have missed your meaning, if so, let me know and I shall be glad to do anything in my power to help a worthwhile cause.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick Spence

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Kirby Page

Dear Friend:

Your pamphlet "How Does God Deal with Evil-doers?" was duly received and I have read it several times with great appreciation. You have brought the matter into focus for me and I have shared it with several groups since. I have also commented upon it for publication in the INTELLIGENCER in an early issue. A copy of the issue in which it appears will be sent you.

With best wishes for a successful and spiritually rewarding series of Retreats, I am,

Cordially yours,

Sue C. Yerkes
Editor

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON
BISHOP OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church
581 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Buzzards Bay Mass. 9/12/41

Dear Dr Page—
Thank you for a copy of "How Does God Deal
with Evil-doers?". A very interesting discussion
must truly. As Balmer Price once
said "Better a world with than without
fable of world sin than a world with
less sin". — A task & effort have given
true emphasis. Up & up. Well done & th
John S. D. — — — — —
John F. Anderson

Sept. 12, 1941.

REV. KIRBY PAGE,
La Habra, Calif.

OFFICE OF
C. V. KERR, PH. D., M. E.
CONSULTING MECHANICAL ENGINEER
418 ULYSSES STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

A few days ago I read an article of yours in the Christian Century for Sept. 10 in which you discuss the methods God uses in dealing with evil-doers. In Who's Who I find that you were ordained as a Disciple minister. As I have been a Disciple for nearly 60 years, there is a bond of sympathy between us which I am using to justify this letter. While I have worked at most of church jobs, in recent years I have given much time to a study of the current spiritual concepts. In my work as an engineer I have felt that if my design of a small steam turbine or a high speed centrifugal works as intended I have embodied creative intelligence in it. The man who designs an office building, or a steamship, or an airplane must be doing the same thing. So when I look at a rose, or the mountains, or the stars, I feel that a supreme Creative Intelligence must be back of all things, both spiritual and material. To manifest itself to us, this Creative Intelligence becomes first Spirit Substance and then Nature, the embodiment of all material things, GOD, OUR FATHER, embodiment of all that is good, and SATAN, THE ADVERSARY, embodiment of all that is evil. Combinations of these we see in minerals, plants, animals, and man the spiritual battle ground. But why evil in the world? Well, when a young man goes to college he gains physical development by overcoming physical resistance in gymnasium or on the athletic field; and he obtains mental development by overcoming the mental resistance in his course of study. Then, if the natural and spiritual laws are the same, as Henry Drummond argues, we get spiritual development by overcoming a spiritual resistance, which evil provides. So, all development, physical, mental, spiritual, depends on overcoming the appropriate resistance. Jehovah created man to have dominion over all things and as there is no record of that commission having been withdrawn I assume that it is man's job to overcome existing evils and gain spiritual development in so doing. Then God works thru men in dealing with evil-doers, and not as a separate Being. Right?

Sincerely yours,

C. V. KERR,
by 

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Sept. 13, 1941

Mr. Kirby Page
P.O. Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page:-

In reply to your letter of Sept. 1st, I am greatly interested in your proposal for discussing the matter of Living Prayerfully, but with the fall docket of denominations and the various leadership council activities, I see no way at present for suggesting a time or way in which this might be worked out. Perhaps at some future date I can write you and will retain your letter in our file.

Very truly yours

CHURCH FEDERATION OF INDIANAPOLIS

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HJB:GK.

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September 13, 1941

Kirby Page :

My dear Friend:

It is a matter of personal satisfaction to me that you will be at our Quaker Hill retreat in October.

I am being approached by a number of thinking and serious minded men who in face of our present unnatural world conditions are discovering that their philosophy of life is inadequate. Nothing seems to make sense. They are puzzled to know just what to think religiously or whether to think religiously.

I have had in mind gathering a few of such men together in some rather secluded environment when we could have a kind of forum occasion with a suitable leader. I have a feeling that you would answer this need admirably and I am writing to know whether on a day before or after the Richmond engagement at Quaker Hill, or near that date, it would be possible for you to spend an evening here in Indianapolis for that purpose. I should propose to have perhaps twenty-five men present, mostly from among Friends' meetings here and nearby and perhaps a few other outstanding laymen. I believe it would be a worthwhile service if it can be wedged into your very full program.

Cordially yours,

Alvin T. Coate

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Atlantic Christian College

Wilson, N. C.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Sept. 13, 1941.

Dear Kirby:

I was glad to get your notice of the tentative itinerary bringing you through North Carolina next April. Put us down for a stop. Any date except a Saturday or a Sunday will be all right. This is a good schedule you have mapped out.

Barclay has just left locating in Austin, Texas. He went over completely to the Nicholai position. However, he has remained tolerant. Dr. Morgan has gone to College of the Ozarks at Clarksville, Arkansas. Send him an announcement as I know he would like to have you come by there. I am the only "obstructionist" in the trim now.

Put us down for a stop when you come this way in April. Any date except Saturday or Sunday will be all right.

Even sincerely,

C. H. Hamlin,

"The Upper Room"

The October, November and December issue of "The Upper Room", may be secured from one of the ushers or from the Church Office. Price: 5c per copy.

Homebuilders' Class Sunday, Sept. 28th

The Homebuilders' Class will not begin until Sunday, September 28th, because it is necessary for Mrs. Stewart to visit other Departments during these opening Sundays of the Church School.

World Outlook

Centre Church has always been interested in the work carried on by the Board of Missions and Church Extension. At this time they are calling for 20,000 new subscribers to WORLD OUTLOOK before December 1st, and Centre Church is asked to secure 10. Those of you who are interested in this informational and helpful magazine are asked to get in touch with Mrs. A. F. Thompson, Malden 5331-W, or Miss Mabel Mudge, Malden 6378-W, who will gladly take care of your subscription.

Morgan Memorial Bazaar

On October 23rd and 24th, the Morgan Memorial will hold its annual Bazaar. Centre Church will have the Apron Table as usual. Any who can help are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Paul B. Beck, Malden 0617-W.

Conference Minutes

The Minutes of the One Hundred Forty-Fifth Session of the New England Conference are on hand. Secure your copy from one of the ushers or from the Church Office. Price 35c.

A Great Thought

"Success will come to you when your eyes sight a glorious vision and your muscles start pulling in the direction of that world which is yours if you will take it" (Baker).

Other Important Events

Sept. 23—8:30 Lynn District Meeting, College Avenue Methodist Church, Somerville
8:00 Victory Class
8:00 Y. P. Forum Party
Sept. 24—1:00 W. S. C. S. Opening meeting with Luncheon
Sept. 25—6:30 Homebuilders' Class Charter Supper Meeting
Sept. 26—2:30 Mission Study Group
7:30 High School League Social
Sept. 29—2:30 Unit Leaders
8:00 Wesleyan Service Guild
Oct. 2—6:00 Friendship Class
Oct. 3—7:30 Junior High Scavenger Hunt
Oct. 6—8:00 Official Board
Oct. 14—2:15 Home Department
Visitors
8:00 Y. P. Forum Treasure Hunt
8:00 Mission Study Group
Oct. 15—8:00 W.S.C.S. meeting
Oct. 16—11:00-1:00 Choir Mothers' Club Luncheon
8:00 Robinson Men's Class Social
Oct. 23—8:00 W.S.C.S. Musicale
Oct. 24—2:00 Kirby Page Retreat
6:30 Junior Choirs Banquet
Oct. 25—9:00 A.M. Kirby Page Retreat
Oct. 27—2:30 Unit Leaders
8:00 Wesleyan Service Guild
Oct. 28—6:30 Robinson Men's Class
Harvest Home Supper
8:00 Victory Class
Oct. 30—8:00 Y. P. Forum Barn Party
Oct. 30—8:00 Homebuilders' Class
Halloween Social
Oct. 31—6:30 Every-Member-Friend
Canvass Set-Up Meeting

Word of Appreciation

Mrs. James B. Rendle wishes to express through the calendar, a word of thanks and appreciation to the many friends who sent her cards and flowers during her illness in the spring.

Malden Centre Church

- Methodist -

Malden, Massachusetts

A RENDEZVOUS WITH GOD

I have a rendezvous with God
At an appointed meeting place
When Sabbath brings its restful grace,
And worship-songs are in the air.
I have a rendezvous with God
When Sabbath brings bright thoughts and
fair.

There surely He will take my hand
And lead me into His bright land
And ope' my eyes, and wake this clod.
If, knowing I have failed Him — still
I have this rendezvous with God
Where my scarred soul and battered will
A blessed peace in Him shall find,
And He there heal my troubled mind.
God knows 'twere better thus to keep
A weekly tryst, than slumping down
To spend the day in careless sleep,
And rob Him by unconsciousness
Who comes my needy soul to bless.
Yea, I've a rendezvous with God
Who waits at His appointed place
When worship time comes round each week.
"And I to my pledged word am true
I shall not fail that rendezvous."

—Herbert E. Davis.

(with apologies to Allen Seeger.)

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Frederick R. Conner

John Hagen

Home Again Sunday, September 14, 1941

Morning Worship Ten-Thirty o'clock

Organ Prelude, "Benedictus" Reger
Processional Hymn 1

Invocation (Congregation Standing)
The Lord's Prayer (All Uniting)
Venite 626
The Apostles' Creed
The Gloria Patri

Anthem, "Gloria" Buzzo-Pecchia
Combined Choirs

The Scripture Psalm 27
Prayer (The Choir, the People
silently, the Minister)

Evening Worship Seven o'clock

Organ Prelude, "Pastorale" Corelli
Processional Hymn 381

Congregational Singing 252-253 - 255
Led by Mr. Edward MacArthur

Prayer (The Choir, the People silently,
the Minister)

The Lord's Prayer (The Choir)

Anthem, "Beautiful Saviour"
Silesian Folk Song—Arr. Duncan
Senior Choir

Pulpit Question Box
"Does America need a Revival?"
The Scripture, Romans 12:1-12

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SUNDAYS — SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER — IN CENTRE CHURCH

September 21 — Garden Flower Sunday.

September 28 — Unusual Grange Service at 10:30 A. M. Charles M. Gardner, Guest
Speaker.

7:00 P. M. "Building for the Future," dramatic presentation in-
cluding Consecration Service for Church School Teachers and Of-
ficers.

October 5 — Church School Rally Sunday.

10:30 A. M. World-Wide Communion Service.
7:00 P. M. Installation of Leagues and Forum Officers.

October 12 — Missionary Rally — World Friendship Sunday.

October 19 — Women's Rally Sunday — Mrs. Alexander Stewart.

October 26 — Men's Rally and Stewardship Rally Sunday.

10:30 A. M. Volunteer Pledge Sunday.

7:00 P. M. Robinson Men's Class Harvest Home Service.

"Uncle Elmer Song Service"

November 2 — Home Visitation Sunday — Every-Member-Friend Canvass.

Calendar of Appointments for the Week

Today, Sunday, September Fourteenth

8:30 A. M. Robinson Men's Class Communion Breakfast, Rear Vestry and Sanc-
tuary.

Church School Sessions

10:30 Nursery through Junior Departments in respective Rooms.

12:00 Junior High through Adult Departments.
Junior High League will start Sunday, September 21st when Mr. Ober
returns.

5:00 High School League. Set-Up Conference led by Miss Dorothy Coombs.

8:15 Young People's Forum, Parlor. Speaker: Mr. Al. Locke. Subject: "Ex-
periences of a Salesman."

Wednesday, September Seventeenth

4:00 Junior Choirs rehearsal, Chapel.

Thursday, September Eighteenth

2:30 Choir Mothers' Club meeting, Parlor.

Saturday, September Twentieth

7:00 Combined Choir rehearsal, Vestry.

Memorial Flowers

The beautiful basket of flowers
within the Chancel is given by Cir-
cle 9 in memory of Miss Fannie
Lincoln.

Garden Flower Sunday

Next Sunday, September 21st,
will be observed as Garden Flower
Sunday. Members and friends of
Centre Church who have flowers in
their gardens, are cordially invited
to share some of them by bringing
bouquets to the church for use at
both the morning and evening ser-
vices. The bouquets will be taken
to the ill and shut-ins carrying a
message of cheer and love from the
Church.

We are giving special attention to
the shut-ins and the visitors of the
Home Department are making a
special effort to call upon many of
the shut-ins during the week. A list
of names will be in the office and it
is hoped that the members of our
church will secure the names of one
or more shut-ins and call upon them
during the week. If you know any
of our Church Family who are ill,
call at the office following the eve-
ning service and ask for flowers to
take to them.

October Is Rally Month

We are anxious to make October
a Great Rally Month in Centre
Church attendance and activity.
Many splendid events have been
planned both for the morning and
evening services. Study carefully
the program on page 2.

Twice each year in the early Fall
and Winter an effort is made in Cen-
tre Church to secure a definite tab-
ulated list of the names of all who
attend our services. By this method
we are able to better know those
who are attending regularly and
those who are newcomers to our
city. Promise yourself now to be
present to sign your "Roll Call
Card" each Sunday during October.
Let us all together make it a Great
Rally Month.

Financial Assistance

Money comes in slowly during the
summer period, and this time of year
finds us needing all that we can pos-
sibly get. Expenses go on during
the summer and money must be re-
ceived to help carry the burden. We
would appreciate very much all who
possibly can paying their pledges up
to date.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
THE CALIFORNIA AREA

JAMES CHAMBERLAIN BAKER
RESIDENT BISHOP

125 EAST SUNSET BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Sept. 14 -

Dear Kirby - Thank you for sending me
the pamphlet on "God + Evil Doers." I
have read it with great interest, as
I do all that you write.

I have not realized before how
completely "anarchic" you are. Are
there no "consciences" in God's dealings
with His children as they work
here with His other children?
Does He put no restrictions on their
way and does following Him mean
that we will sacrifice all consciences
of every sort?

Somewhat muddled as you are,
this pamphlet seems to me to lack
(on)

in Social Context and to make
no provision for Social Context
of any sort.

I wish I could discuss this
with you face to face. You seem to
me to lay the basis for Non-social
religion - such as ^{so often} has ^{kept religion}
out of ~~religion~~ relation to Economic
and political problems -

Affectionately yours,

Jim

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SLANTS By QUIZ

Two RECENT pamphlets on Latin America will help people in this country better to understand the vital southern continent. *The Booklist*, in two parts, recommends a good many books on the subject for young people, giving a detailed account of the content of each (American Library Ass'n., 520 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, 25c). *Latin America* is a booklet containing three articles to illustrate "the comprehensive new treatment of Latin American subjects in the 1941 edition of *Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia*." The booklet itself is a wide survey of both economic and social conditions (F. E. Compton & Co., 1000 N. Dearborn St., Chicago). *How Does God Deal With Evildoers?*, by Kirby Page, is Dr. Page's ideas on just that. There seems to be little originality, but it should clear up the fog on the subject in many minds these days (Kirby Page, Box 247, La Habra, Calif. 15c)